(b) if so, what are the reasons for multiplicity of brand names;

(c) whether Government propose to limit these brands and link these names to the basic drug; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) It is estimated that about 500 bulk drugs are being formulated, singly or in combination, in various dosage strength and forms and pack sizes in the country by a very large number of manufacturers. Since marketing of products under the brand name is a normal commercial practice, there could be many trade/brand names of the same drug moving in the market.

(c) and (d) To encourage sale of medicines under their generic names, single ingredient formulations based on the bulk drugs in the Second Schedule of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 and sold under the generic name are exempt from price control.

Foreign borrowings by KRIBHCO

5818. SHRI MATANG SINH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Krishak Bharat Cooperative Ltd. (KRIBHCO) has decided to raise 220 crores through foreign borrowings to finance its 440 crores nitrophosphate project at Hazira;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) in what manner the remaining funds are proposed to be generated;

(d) the details of production of nitrophosphate and calcium ammonia likely to be effected as a result of this project; and

(e) by when the country is likely to become self-sufficient in regard to the requirement of fertilizer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALIERO): (a) to (c) No foreign borrowing is envisaged at this stage for the proposed Nitrophosphate project of Krishak Bharati Cooperative Ltd. (KRIBHCO). Presently, KRIBHCO is proposing to finance this project out of their internal resources and borrowings from Indian financial institutions.

(d) The proposed annual production capacity of this project is envisaged as follows:

	(Tonnes)
— Nitrophosphate . . .	2,91,000
- Calcium Ammonium Nitrate	2,20,500
- Ammonium Nitrate . .	45,000
- Conc. Nitric acid . .	16,500

(e) The demand for fertilizers is not likely to be met entirely through indigenous production in the foreseeable future.

British High Commissioner's letters regarding price reduction of Ranitidine

5819. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M|s. Glaxo brought a letter from British High Commissioner against prices reduction of Ranitidine;

(b) whether British High Commisioner has been told of the conduct of M|s. Glaxo is overcharging the consumer by over Rs. 100 crores by using cheaper bulk drug in the formulations;

(c) how the Ministry is allowing such interference by the commercial houses; and

(d) what are the full details and facts in this regard and what action in the matter has been taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) The question of Government allowing any interference in the regulation of prices in accordance with the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 does not arise. The price of bulk drug Ranitidine was notified on March, 16, 1994.

Compliance of Bombay High Court Order in the case of M/s Hoechest

5820. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FETILIZERS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1277 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd March, 1993 and state:

(a) what action has been taken by Government in compliance with the order of the Bombay High Court in the case of M|s. Hoechest.

(b) at what level the amount assessed against the company stands and whether the amount for the entire period has been assessed;

(c) whether it is a fact that Bombay High Court order has not been complied by Government, if so what is the present position; and

(d) what is the delay in the matter of recovery, if the Bombay High Court Order has been complied with?

THE MINISTER OF STATE of THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d). The Bombay High Court framed a time bound schedule for mutual exchange of data between the company and the Government for the purpose of finalisation of liability and for giving a hearing to the company, vide order dated 8th March, 1991. The process of mutual exchange of data is over and the finalisation of their liabilities is under process which involves analysis of old and voluminous data after which a final hearing has to be given as per the directions of the Bombay High Court.

Wockhardt range of formulations

5821. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the combination formulations of Dextropropoxyphene Hol-marketed by M|s. Wockhardt;

(b) what is the approved price and market price of each and since when the price is being overcharged for the formulations by this company and its sister concerns;

(c) what were the prices of these formulations in 1987 and 1994;

(d) whether it is also a fact that prices of Wockhardt range of formulations are also being overcharged and are based on very high price of Providone Iodine;

(e) why the price of Providone Iodine has not been fixed so far by the BICP or the Ministry;